

WONDERFUL WAVE OF PATRIOTISM

Military Ambition Is Irresistibly Sweeping Across French Republic.

MEANS GREAT SACRIFICES

Old and Young Willing to Give All to Uphold Hands of Country.

BY GEORGES DUFRENE.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.) Paris, March 29.—Higher and ever more irresistibly grows the tremendous wave of patriotism that is sweeping across the French Republic, making our hearts beat with pride and joy in having lived to see the glorious resurrection of France, which pessimists in all countries had declared doomed to decadence and fall.

No one can deny that the bill drafted by the government providing for the re-establishment of the three years' service is an exceedingly drastic measure. It demands great sacrifices from the young men of France, but in the eyes of the men who will have to make these sacrifices it does not even go far enough, because it does not bring our army up to the same size as that of Germany, and if a vote were taken among those who are about to enter military service, the answer would be that they would have a military term of five years with even greater enthusiasm. Though the Socialist leaders are trying their utmost to convince the people that the government is trying to foment a war scare for political reasons, every one feels that unless France gives Germany proof of her determination to sacrifice everything in the defense of her country war will come before long.

The example set by the students of the Paris colleges is being followed all over the country. The government is receiving daily signed memorials from boys, who declare that they will gladly serve three years in barracks and assist in the national defense.

During the last few days a large number of young men have voluntarily offered to serve three years. Young men who belong to the societies of military preparation welcome the three years' service. M. Adolphe Chéron, the president of the Union of Societies of Military Preparation, points out that as the physical improvement of the race is the source of all efficient defense and prosperity, the advantages attached to physical education and military preparation should be increased by future legislation. As to the effect of military service on medical instruction, Prof. Landouzy, dean of the faculty of medicine, declares that since this three years' service is deemed indispensable, the university must reconcile the interests of the high culture of the nation with those of national defense. He is of opinion that the solution of the problem is not a difficult one.

Financial Problem. Some difference of opinion exists as to how the enormous amounts of money required should be raised, for ever since the Kaiser made an appeal to the French people, since the Kaiser's appeal, the demand has been growing stronger here also in this country. The increased burden of taxation ought to be placed on the broadest shoulders, and this idea has, of course, been adopted with much enthusiasm by the radicals and the Socialists, who here see an opportunity to introduce the income tax, which they have advocated for several years without success.

A number of suggestions have been made, chief among these being the one that the state should sell the Western Railroad of France, which, since it passed into the hands of the state, has cost the treasury many millions. Another suggestion is to put a special tax of \$25 a year on all foreigners earning a living in France, and it is calculated that this measure would produce an annual revenue of \$15,000,000, but patriots are strongly opposed to this, as they do not want it to appear that the people of France are unwilling to bear the burden of their country's defense.

Voices are also raised principally among the Moderate Republicans and the Nationalists against placing special taxes on the well-to-do. These people assert that while such a thing may be necessary in poverty-stricken Germany, it is not necessary in a rich and prosperous country like France. Realizing it is powerless to oppose

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The radical Lanterne writes: "Read the inquiries published by the German press, or the declaration made by Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg in the Reichstag. Read also the way in which these same journals justify the new armaments, and you will see that it is the Balkan war which has made our neighbors think. It is the entry to the scene of a new and ambitious people, whose united force is a menace to Austria and a considerable addition to Russia's forces, which is the new disquieting fact for Germany. Austria is obliged to watch and hold in check the Slav peoples in the Balkans, and can no longer furnish to her ally anything beyond an assistance which amounts to practically nothing. "Then, again, Russia grows and grows, and after a few years her power will far surpass that of Germany. Germany no longer thinks of making war on England. She scarcely troubles to take measures against an aggression which France does not contemplate. What she is growing uneasy at is the progress of Russia and the development of the Slav peoples in the Balkans. It is in order to parry this danger that she is pushing forward her armaments and increasing her effectiveness."



KAISER HOPEFUL MILITARY LAWS WILL BE PASSED

Reichstag Will Resume Debate on Measures This Week.

OPPOSITION IS STILL VERY STRONG

Pro-Military Leaders Seek to Convey Impression That There Is No Desire for War, but Only Means of Safety for Empire—Outlook Is Not Bright.

BY FREDERICK WERNER.

Berlin, March 29.—On Wednesday next the Reichstag meets again, and the debate on the new military laws will begin in full earnest. In official circles it is hoped that during the time which has passed since the legislators separated before Easter, even those among them who are opposed to increased military expenditures on general principles, will have realized that the government's plans are not prompted by "a desire for war," but that the money asked for and the proposed increase of the army are really measures which, seen from a purely patriotic standpoint, are absolutely necessary for the safety of the empire under the conditions which have resulted from the Balkan War.

Looking upon the situation of Germany with an absolutely unbiased mind, one cannot help admitting that the conditions which have resulted from the Balkan War, which a very high government official said to me the other day, "The government," he said, "sincerely wishes to avoid a war with France; but, although we are not sure that our plans were sure to be misunderstood in that country, we had no other choice, as good patriots, than to increase our military armaments. The victories of Bulgaria and Serbia have completely upset the military balance of Europe. Until Turkey was crushed, Germany's situation was not a dangerous one. We could count on the armies of Austria to hold Russia in check in case of war, until we had defeated the armies of France, and were able to throw the full strength of our army against Russia. But this is no longer so. We must bring even the greatest sacrifices imaginable to increase our army up to the full capacity of the country, for never has the German empire been in a situation as dangerous as the present."

"The influence of Russia will always predominate in Bulgaria and Serbia, and in case of war these two countries are now strong enough to keep the greatest part of Austria's army busy so that Germany must depend on her own soldiers to ward off a Russian attack. This means that we will have to make front towards east and west simultaneously, and under such conditions it is our plain duty to build a chain of impregnable fortresses along our eastern frontier to keep the Russian bear in check. Such fortresses cost money, but Admiral von Tirpitz has shown their immense value to a country defending itself against a foreign invasion."

"Even in France the government is beginning to see that our plans are not to be taken as a challenge, but are really a means of defense, and we hope that our adversaries in the Reichstag will show themselves to possess as much common sense as a foreign government, who was naturally alarmed at first."

"Russia is growing more powerful every day, and even if we are on most friendly terms with the Czar's government, we must not expose it to temptation."

Details Unknown. The details of the military plans of the German government will, of course, remain unknown until they are formally laid before the Reichstag, but it is possible that a few days later. But in order to prepare the people and their representatives in Parliament, the government has followed its usual custom and given out several hints through the semi-official press, which may be relied upon to be quite correct.

According to the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger, the government is planning to increase the number of recruits will be about 65,000, so that within two years the army will be strengthened by 4,000 officers, 15,000 noncommissioned officers and 117,000 men. With these additions a third battalion will be given to the eight regiments which still have but two, the companies will be strengthened throughout and the frontier corps will be brought up to the highest standard of equipment. Six new cavalry regiments will be demanded, and will also be allotted to the frontier districts.

An addition of nearly 30,000 horses will make it possible for the field artillery batteries to exercise with all six guns and some of the ammunition wagons. The cavalry divisions are not to be established permanently, but are to be brought together more frequently for maneuvers.

A portion of the nonrecurring expenditure will go to strengthening and re-arming the fortifications on the eastern frontier, and a half a dozen fresh battalions of foot artillery are to be formed and provided with independent machine gun companies. The horsing of the heavy artillery will also be supplemented. Further, there will be considerable additions to the searching companies, and the train, telegraph and pioneer battalions.

The only paper which makes the assertion that the government's plans are directed against France is, strangely enough, the Koelnische Zeitung, which has often been used as a special mouthpiece of the government, but which now thunders against France in expressions like these:

"We do not underestimate the factors that have arisen from the new order in the Balkans, but when sacrifices are demanded as at present, the finger must be plainly pointed to the quarter from which the nearest danger threatens us. That is France. Never has our relationship to our western neighbor been so strained as to-day. Never has the 'reveng' idea showed itself there so undisguisedly, and never has it been so clear that France claims the Russian alliance and English friendship solely for the purpose of reconquering the Rhine. Therefore, in whatever quarter the danger may catch fire, it is quite certain that we shall have to cross blades with the French. When it will happen no one can know."

Financial Stumbling Block. As might have been expected, it is the financial side of the question which forms the most formidable obstruction in the path of the government's military plans.

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The minister, Rev. George W. Kemper, will preach to-night at 8 o'clock at the Union Station Methodist Church to-day at both services, and Miss Grace Garritt will sing at night. Rev. A. B. Sharpe will preach the morning sermon and Dr. T. M. McEn. Simpson the evening sermon.

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